

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings and versions of the claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An endoscopic fluid supply conduit system suitable for use in an endoscope having an insertion tube and a universal cable connected to and from a manipulating head assembly, the fluid supply conduit system comprising:

a first fluid conduit extended from said manipulating head assembly and through said insertion tube toward ~~[[a]]~~ an injection port provided on a rigid tip end section at ~~[[the]]~~ a fore distal end of said insertion tube;

~~a fluid feed port provided on said manipulating head assembly in communication with said first fluid conduit and arranged to permit connection of a fluid feed adaptor;~~

a second fluid conduit provided internally of said universal cable and communicable with said first fluid conduit within said manipulating head assembly; and

~~a fluid supply channel selector means adapted to block a fluid flow from said second fluid conduit to said first fluid conduit at the time of feeding a fluid from said fluid feed port to said first fluid conduit, while permitting a fluid flow from said second fluid conduit to said first fluid conduit when said connection port is closed~~ a mouth piece fixedly fitted in said manipulating head assembly fluid feed port and having an axial receptacle bore, a first connection port formed at an inner axial end of said mouth piece for connecting said first fluid conduit in communication with said receptacle bore and a second connection port provided at one side of said mouth piece for connecting said second fluid conduit in communication with said receptacle bore;

a fluid supply adaptor having a fluid supply passage and being adapted to be inserted into said mouth piece to block a fluid flow from said second fluid conduit to said first fluid conduit and to feed a fluid from said fluid supply passage to said first fluid conduit; and
a plug member fitted in an outer open end of said receptacle bore of said mouth piece in place of said fluid supply adapter to bring said second connection port into communication with said first connection port through said receptacle bore.

Claim 2 (Original): An endoscopic fluid supply conduit system as defined in claim 1, wherein said fluid feed port on said manipulating head assembly is provided on a side away from the side to which said insertion tube is connected.

Claim 3 (Original): An endoscopic fluid supply conduit system as defined in claim 1, wherein said fluid supply channel selector means includes a mouth piece fixedly fitted in said fluid feed port, said mouth piece being provided with an axial receptacle bore, a first connection port formed at an inner axial end of said mouth piece for connecting said first fluid conduit in communication with said receptacle bore, and a second connection port provided at one side of said mouth piece for connecting said second fluid conduit in communication with said receptacle bore, said second connection port being closed when said fluid supply adaptor is connected to said mouth piece, and said first and second connection ports being brought into communication with each other when a plug member is fitted in an outer open end of said receptacle bore of said mouth piece.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): An endoscopic fluid supply conduit system as defined in claim 3, wherein said mouth piece is arranged in such a way as to disconnectibly receive said fluid feed adaptor in said receptacle bore, and is communicated with said first

fluid conduit at an inner axial end and with said second fluid conduit at a halfway position in the axial direction.

Claim 5 (Original): An endoscopic fluid supply conduit system as defined in claim 4, wherein said receptacle bore of said mouth piece is provided with a Luer-Lok taper portion to be brought into fitting engagement with a tapered surface provided on outer periphery of said fluid feed adaptor.

Claim 6 (Original): An endoscopic fluid supply conduit system as defined in claim 5, wherein said mouth piece is provided with an external screw on outer periphery thereof, while said fluid feed adaptor is provided with a stopper ring on outer periphery thereof for abutting engagement with outer end face of said mouth piece and fixedly fastened to said mouth piece by threading a screw ring onto said external screw on the outer periphery of said mouth piece.

Claim 7 (Original): An endoscopic fluid supply conduit system as defined in claim 1, wherein said fluid feed adaptor is provided with a Luer-Lok mechanism to permit connection of at least one Luer-Lok syringe.

Claim 8 (Original): An endoscopic fluid supply conduit system as defined in claim 1, further comprising a lid member detachably attachable to said fluid feed adaptor to close an outer open end of the latter.

Claims 9-11 (Canceled).